

## 2018 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2018 Water Quality Report is now available.

Visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water) to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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## CONTROL YOUR CONTROLLER Turn Irrigation Down this Winter



*Adjust your timer by taking a day off or entering the % found online.*

Feel that chill in the air? So do your plants. Reduce your outdoor watering this winter. During winter, our landscapes don't need as much water due to rain, cooler temperatures, shorter days, and plant dormancy. You can simply take a day off your controller schedule, or plug in the Watering % Adjust value on our website.

The Watering % Adjust is a percentage value of how much water plants need that accounts for changes in weather. The Watering % Adjust value can be found at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise) and it is updated weekly. With this percentage value, you can adjust your sprinkler timer with one simple step. Turn the dial on your controller to the "seasonal adjust," "water budget" or "%" setting and press the up or down arrows to adjust the percentage to match the current Watering % Adjust. This will automatically shorten the run times of your sprinklers or drip so that they are not over-watering your garden for winter. When it begins to warm up and dry out in the spring, the percent value will increase, thus increasing the irrigation run times. Always monitor your garden for signs of stress or saturated soil and adjust as needed.

To save water when it rains, simply turn off your timer until your soil has dried out near the roots. For one inch of rain, you can generally leave your timer off for 7-10 days for your thirstiest plants. The City provides free Irrigation Evaluations to homes or businesses to show you how to adjust your sprinkler timer; if you would like to set up an appointment, please call (805) 564-5460.

## 2019 WATERFRONT ANNUAL PARKING PERMITS NOW ON SALE

This month, all new 2019 Waterfront annual parking permits go on sale. It's the best deal on Santa Barbara Waterfront parking for all of 2019. General waterfront parking permits cost \$125 and slip-permittee permits cost \$95. Permits are valid from the date of purchase



*Buy 2019 Waterfront parking permits now for a full year of economical parking.*

through December 31, 2019. Permits are valid at all Waterfront pay lots, except Stearns Wharf, and are a great way to save on beachfront parking for the entire year.

Purchase the 2019 permits early for a full year of economical parking. General permits are available at the main Harbor Kiosk, as well as the Harbormaster's Office. Slip-permittee permits may only be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office. For more information, call (805) 564-5523.

**E-WASTE**  
**Recycling Drop-Off**  
**\*\*FREE for Residents\*\***  
**Downtown**  
**Recycling Center**  
**132 Nopalitos Way**

**Mon-Sat 8am - 4pm**

## DID YOU KNOW? THE CITY'S WATER LABORATORY



*The City's Water Resources Laboratory works hard to make sure residents have safe drinking water.*

Your water is safe—the team at the City's Water Resources Laboratory is making sure. This is no small task. Behind this simple idea are 365 days of lab operation per year, with 17,000 samples collected and 50,000 water and wastewater tests conducted last year. The lab tests for dozens of metals, inorganics, and bacteriological contaminants, each with its own regulated sampling size, holding time, and analytical procedure. It's also no insignificant mission. The lab tests all the City's drinking water for quality, and tests wastewater to ensure potential pollutants are removed before discharge into the Pacific Ocean. The lab must be certified to test these highly regulated samples and submit data to regulatory agencies like the State Water Resources Control Board and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The lab is helped by advanced instrumentation and reporting software, but it still requires considerable legwork by staff, who are responsible for testing the water and for collecting samples at the City's various water sources and treatment plants. In addition, staff collects samples from 42 distribution stations scattered throughout the City. Doing so allows the lab to ensure the safety of our drinking water as it enters the distribution system and is conveyed, via miles and miles of pipes, to our homes, then to El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant after use, and finally to the ocean.

The City's water customers are one of the most important links for ensuring contamination-free water. We encourage you to ask questions about the water you drink. The lab is committed to helping resolve any water quality concerns its customers may have.

If you have any questions about your drinking water, email [PWInfo@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:PWInfo@SantaBarbaraCA.gov) or call the lab at 805-568-1008.

## AIRPORT OFFERS FREE HOLIDAY SHUTTLE SERVICE

Got a few too many bags heading for your flight this holiday season? This year, you'll get some extra help when you park in the Santa Barbara Airport long-term parking lot. Republic Parking, the Airport's parking manager, will be staffing the golf carts with luggage racks and providing shuttle service to the airline terminal. The golf carts come complete with holiday decorations and a trusted driver, (yes Santa may be seen during the peak times in December) to escort up to four people with luggage to the terminal through the end of the year. This holiday amenity is free for travelers and will be available on a first come first-served basis.



*This holiday season you can get some extra help with your bags with the Airport's free holiday shuttle service.*

## Upcoming Water Wise Classes!



**Graywater 101**  
Thursday, December 6th



**Water Wise Plant Maintenance 101**  
Wednesday, December 12th

All classes are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
at the Mackenzie Park Community Building  
located at 3200 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

*\$10 suggested donation to Sweetwater Collaborative.*

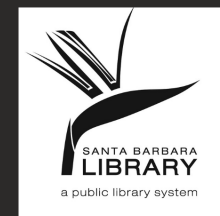
*Classes are provided by Sweetwater Collaborative  
and sponsored in part by the City of Santa Barbara.*

For more information visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenClasses](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenClasses)



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